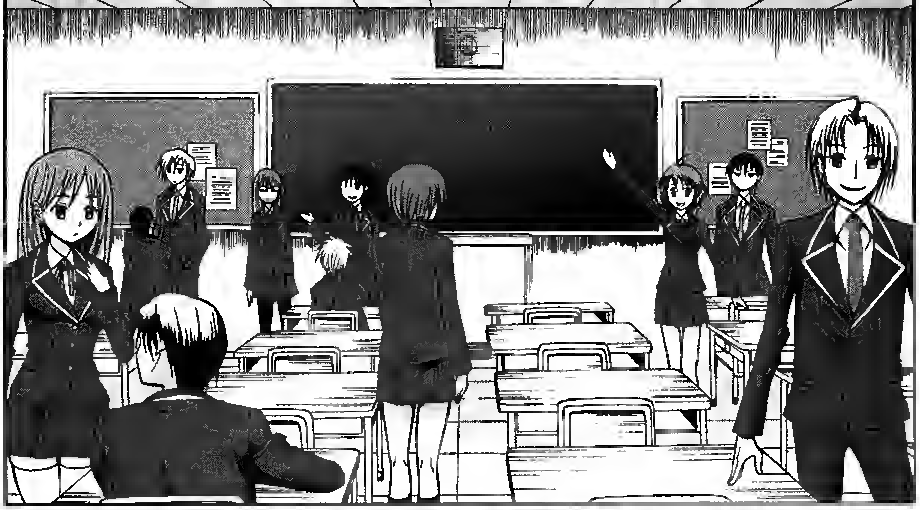
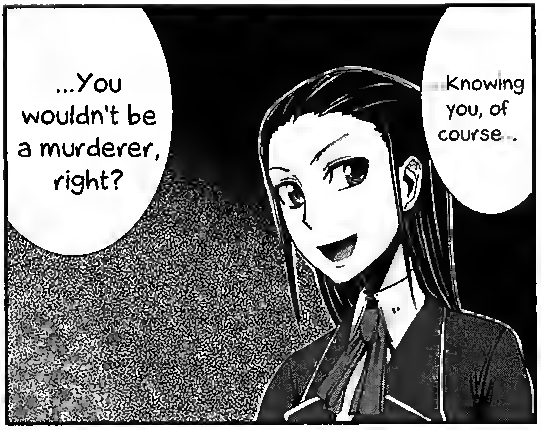
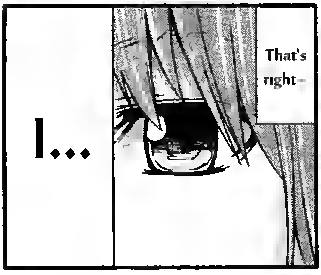



...You wouldn't be a murderer, right?
...Knowing you, of course...

.....

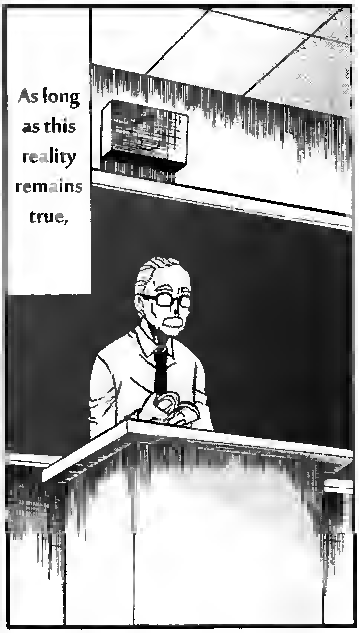
...A murderer...

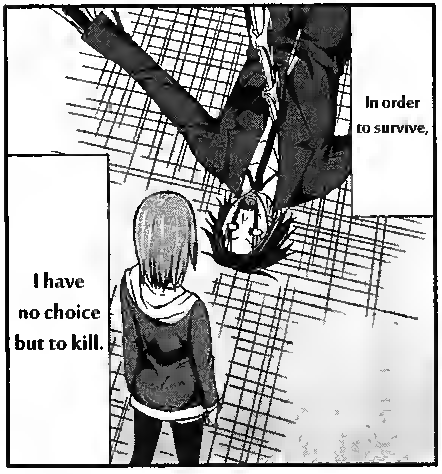
...Of course, you wouldn't be a murderer...

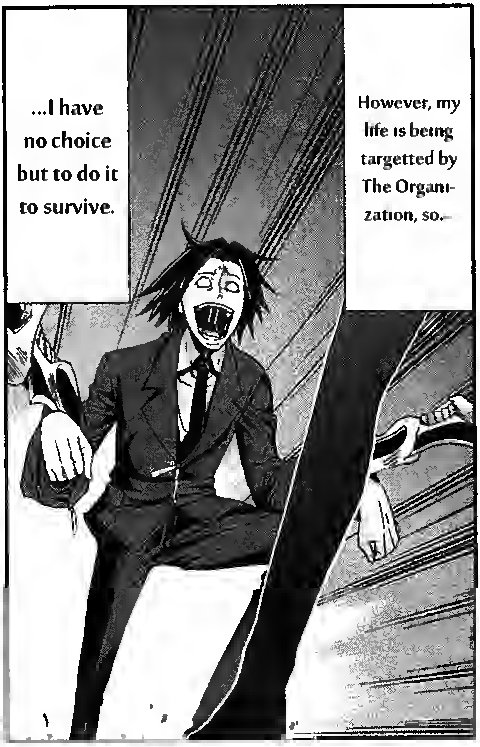

That's right...
I...

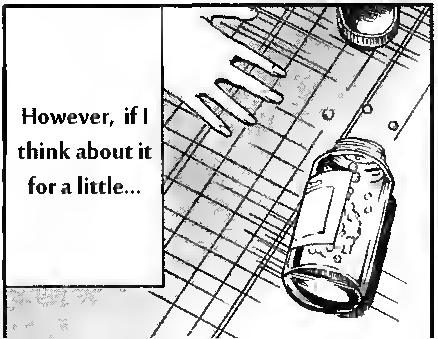
Chapter 18 : It's Not That Big an Issue

I shouldn't expect to be able to make any friends.
No matter how close of a relationship I have with someone,

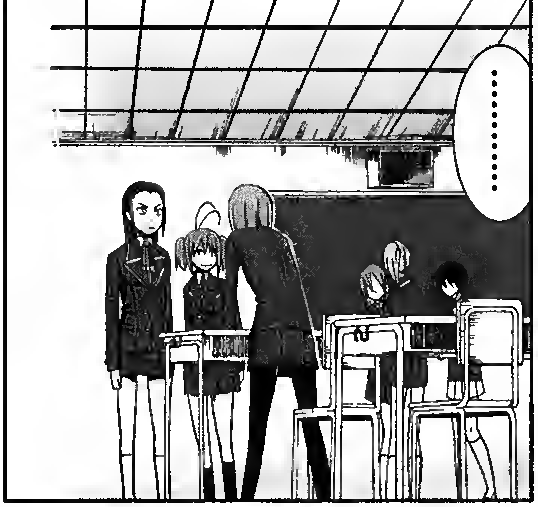

As long as this reality remains true,


In order to survive,
I have no choice but to kill.


...I have no choice but to do it to survive.
However, my life is being targetted by The Organization, so,-


However, if I think about it for a little...

...Her death was because of me.
...My mother...
Oi, Alice.
Oi!
Oi.
ALICE!!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AH–
YES..!
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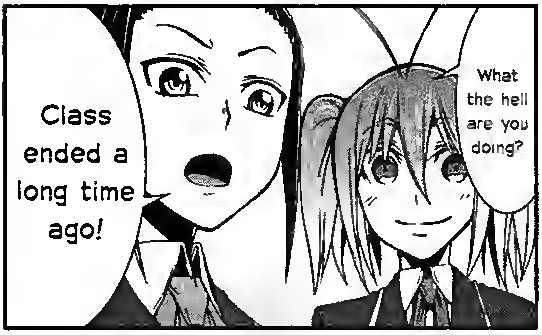
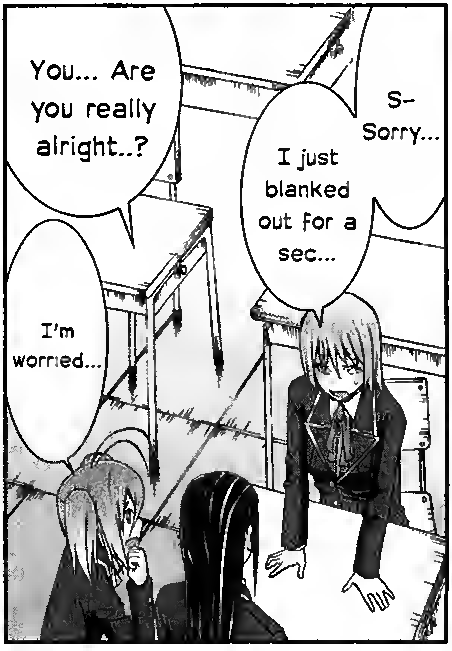
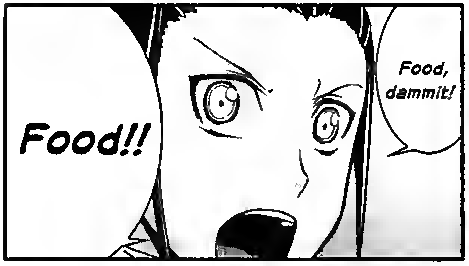
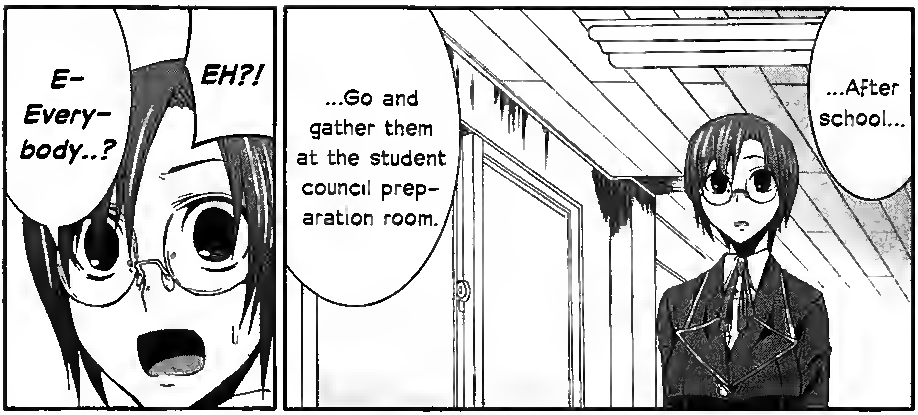

Class ended a long time ago!
What the hell are you doing?

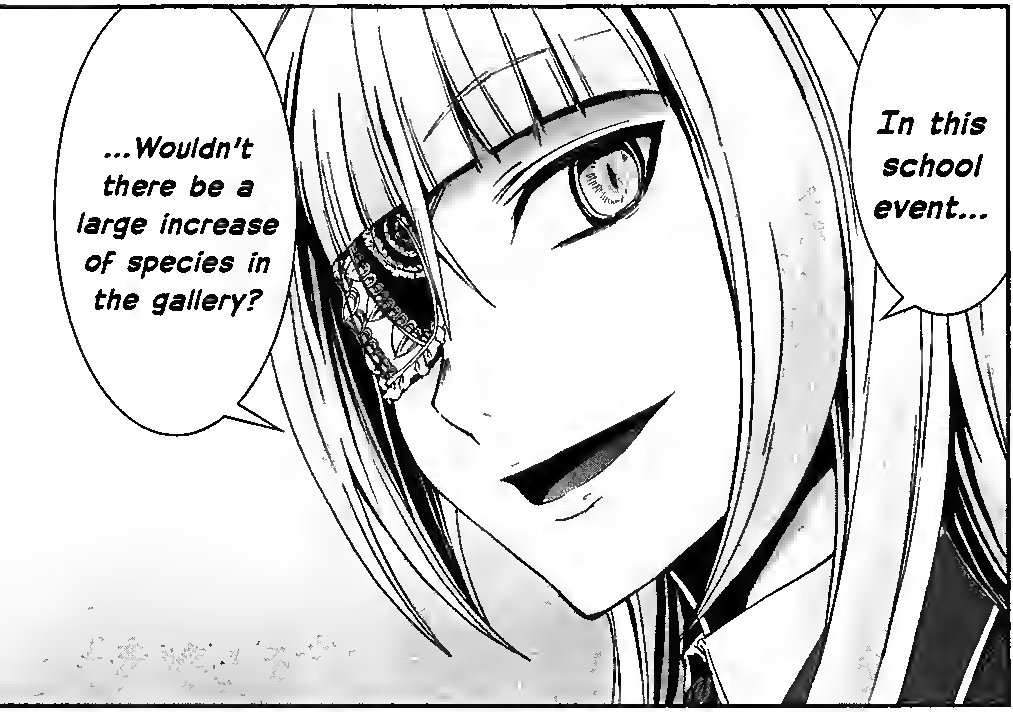
E–
Hey, let's go.
Err... Where...

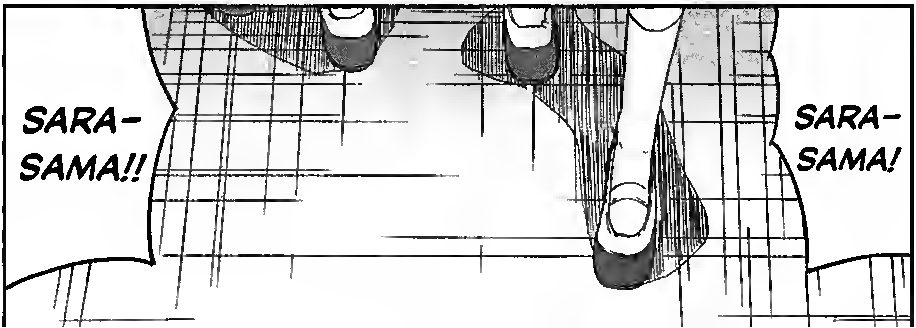

You... Are you really alright..?
S– Sorry...
I just blanked out for a sec...
I'm worried...


Food!!
Food, dammit!

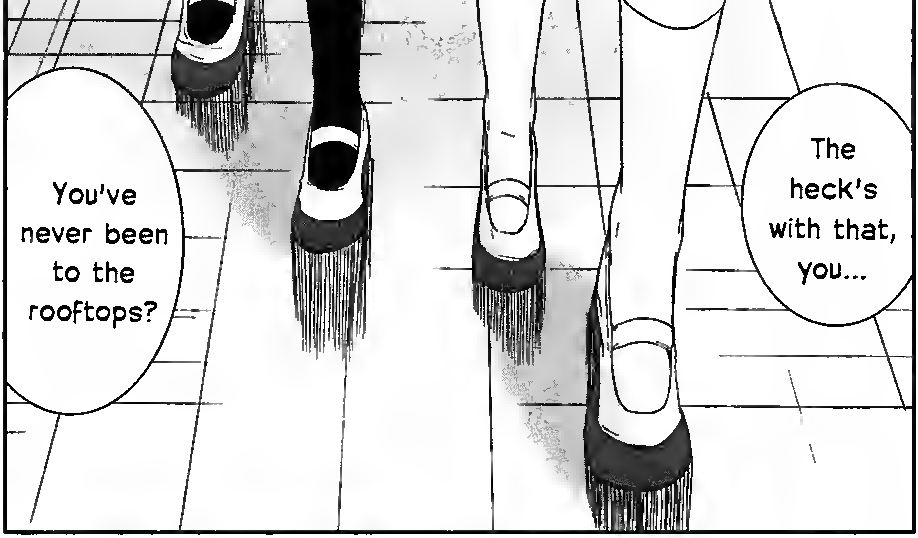
How are the results?
Kuramoto-san.
I've also successfully completed corrections of the nine names who have been skipping school.
And then we have 10 names of those who have been violating other rules.
We've found three names of people who are smoking offenders, and four names of those who keep arriving late.
Yes, currently...
Okay, then with those 26 people...
Is that so?

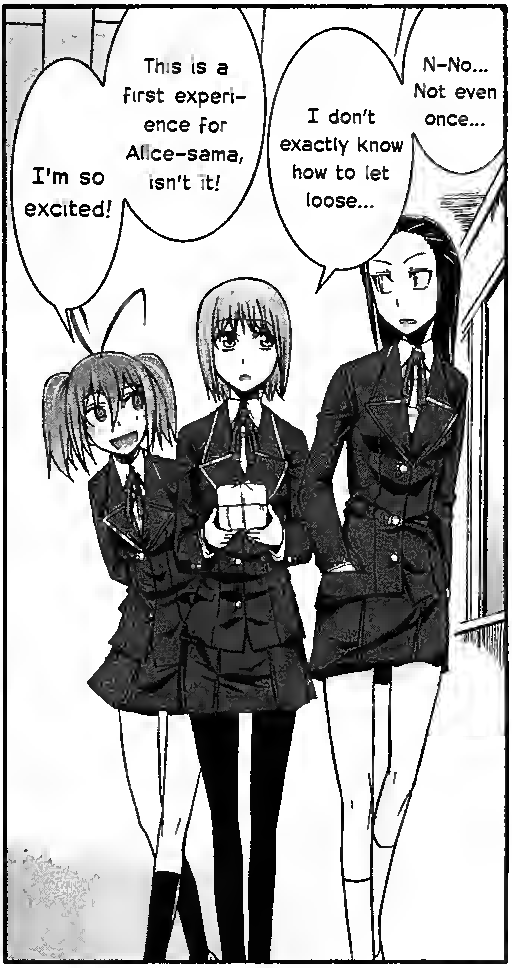

...After school...
...Go and gather them at the student council preparation room.
EH?!
E-Everybody..?

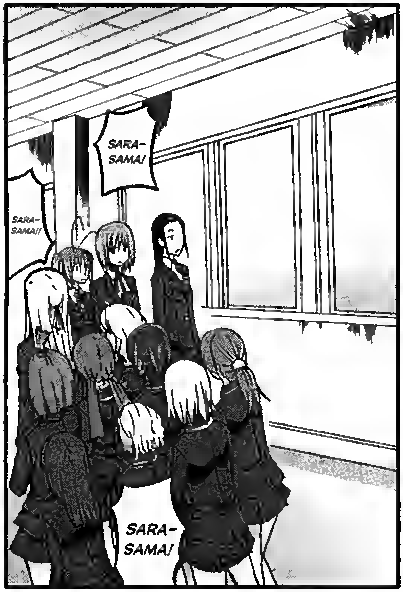

In this school event...
...Wouldn't there be a large increase of species in the gallery?

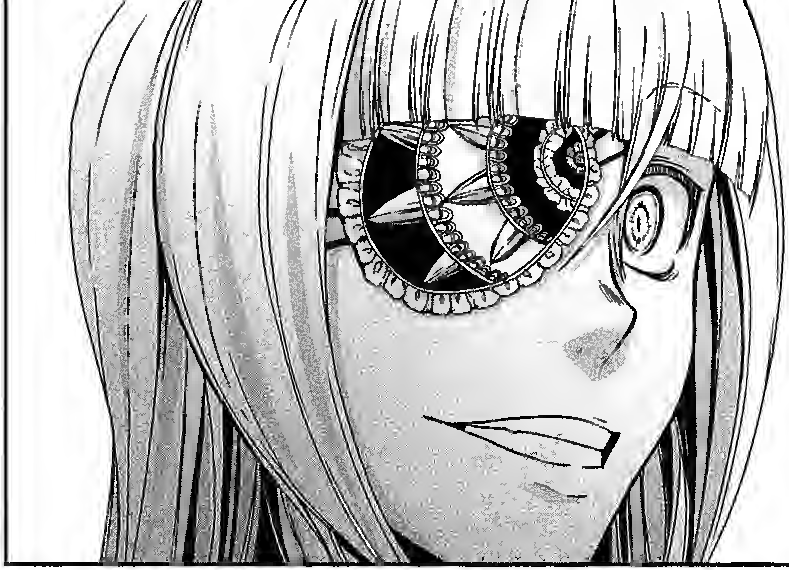

SARA-SAMA!
SARA-SAMA!!

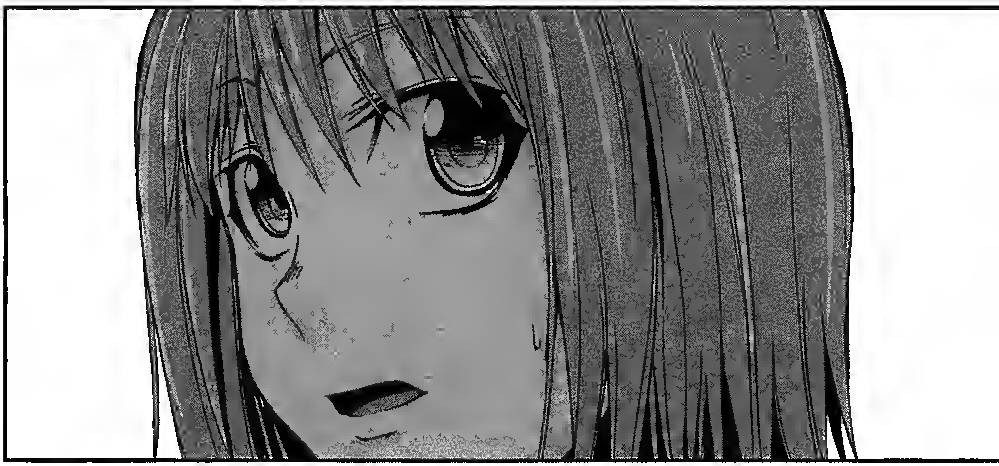
SARA-SAMA!!
WHERE ARE YOU HEADED TOWARDS?
The cafe-teria.
WOULD IT BE OKAY IF WE ATE TOGETHER?
Sure.
I BAKED YOU SOME COOKIES! PLEASE EAT THEM!!
SARA-SAMA!
Thanks.
YOUR EYEPATCH SUITS YOU TODAY, AS ALWAYS!!
Your tattoo as well.
SARA-SAMA!!!


You've never been to the rooftops?
The heck's with that, you...

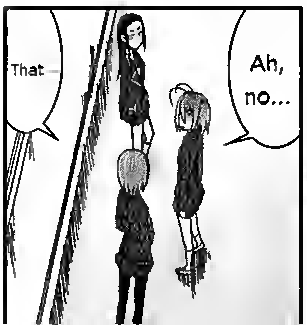

I'm so excited!
This is a first experience for Alice-sama, isn't it!
I don't exactly know how to let loose...
N-No... Not even once...

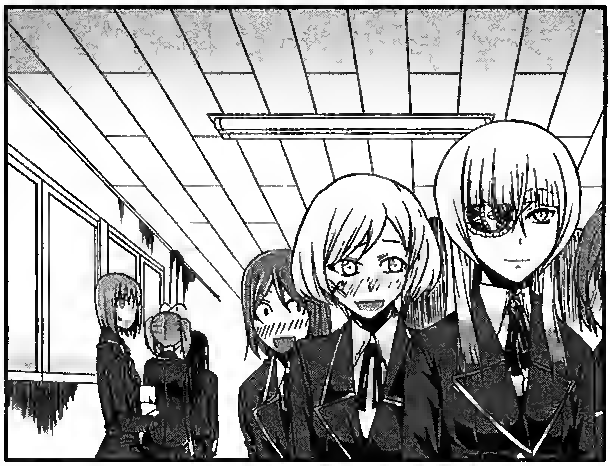

SARA-SAMA!
SARA-SAMA!
SARA-SAMA!



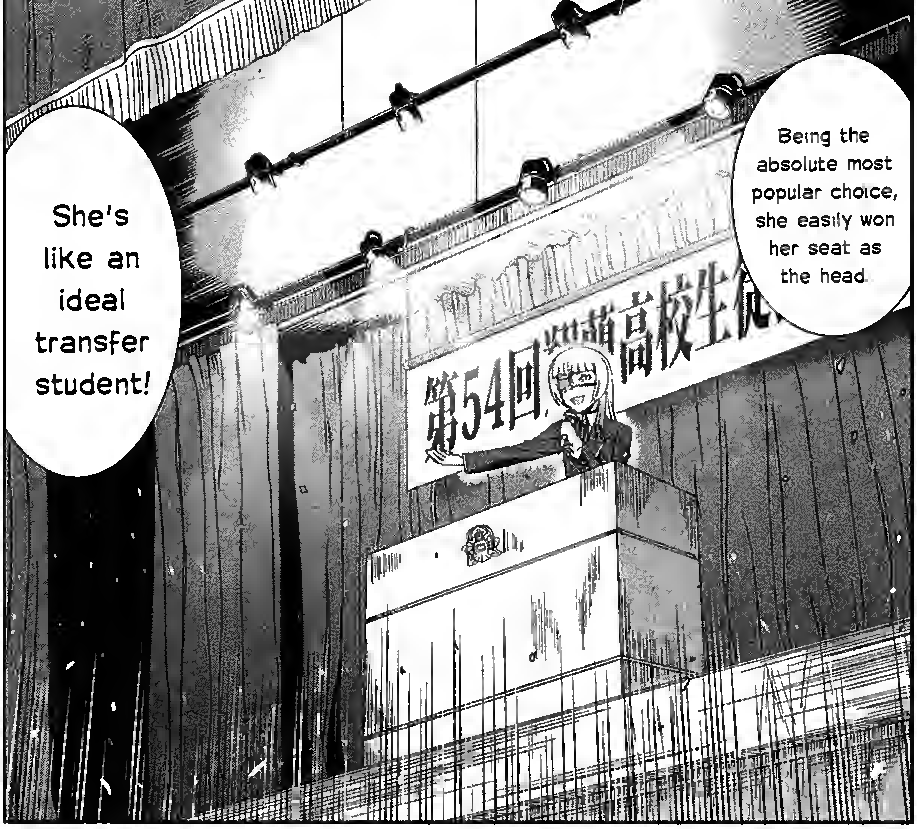


Alice-sama
What's wrong?


That
Ah, no...



Ah?
By Kuro-kawa Sara?
That beautiful girl who passed me just now...
...I have a feeling she was watching me...
Eh?!
Is she somebody you know?!
Geez, you...
...Even a total block-head like you should know when enough is enough
She was admitted here in April
When the election for the new head began in May she suddenly opted to be a candidate
Kuro-kawa Sara.
She's the new head of the student council.


She's like an ideal transfer student!
Being the absolute most popular choice, she easily won her seat as the head.
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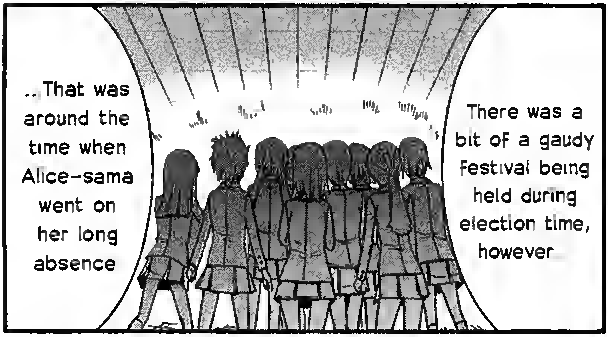
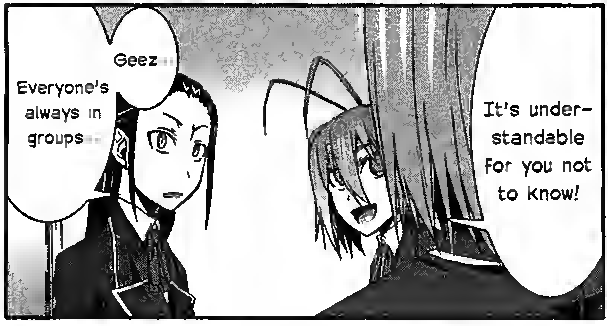
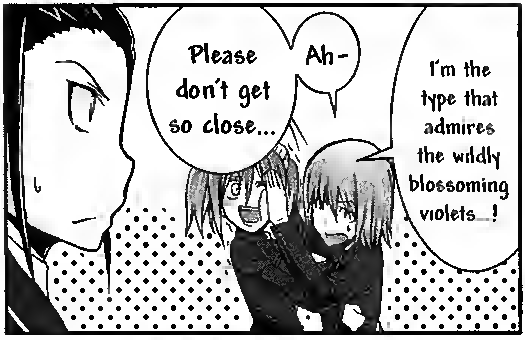
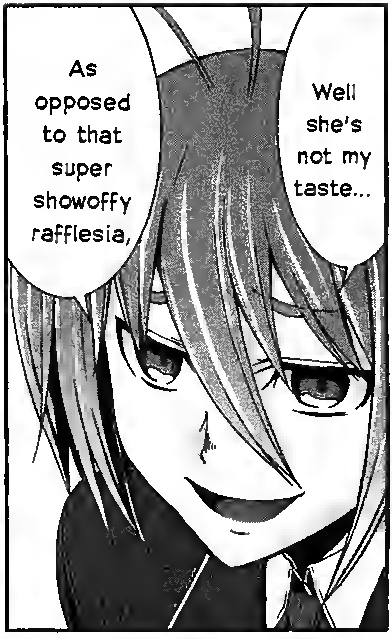

...That was around the time when Alice-sama went on her long absence
There was a bit of a gaudy festival being held during election time, however

Ideal...
So that's why she had that many followers...


Geez...
Everyone's always in groups...
It's understandable for you not to know!





TL Note: A rafflesia is a flower. Google it.

Well she's nowhere near an honours student.
It's quite the unusual talk.
Anyways, the event seems rather nice.
It seems there's been an increase of changes since she was inaugurated, huh... Like the scheduled school festivals...
...And the budgets for the club activities...

...Wouldn't the school just become uncivilized?
But if that kinda stuff happens...
So what of it?

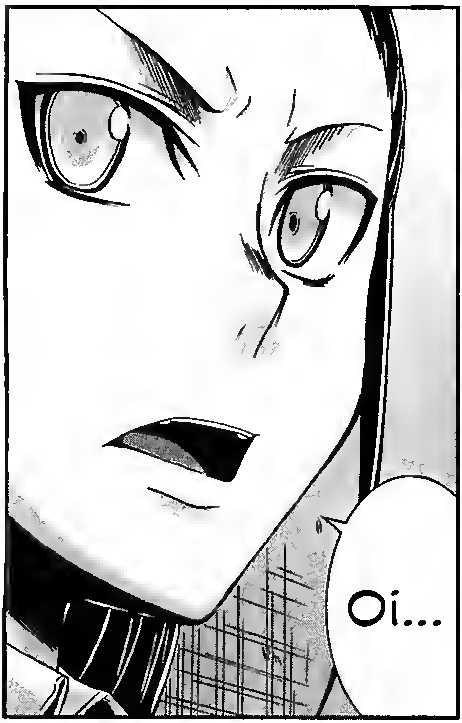
Everyone's become so carefree about it.
And then there's the changes to the school uniforms, and now people are dyeing their hair brown, putting on lots of make-up, and even using their cell phones

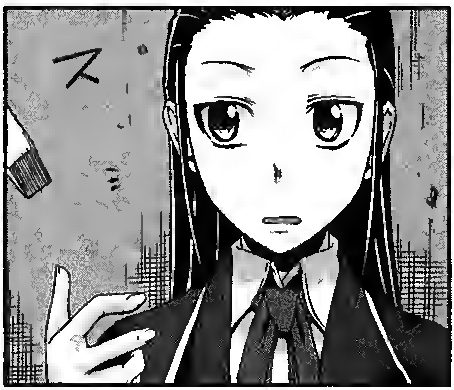
That's interesting...
Ehh...

Since we're free now...
Well...

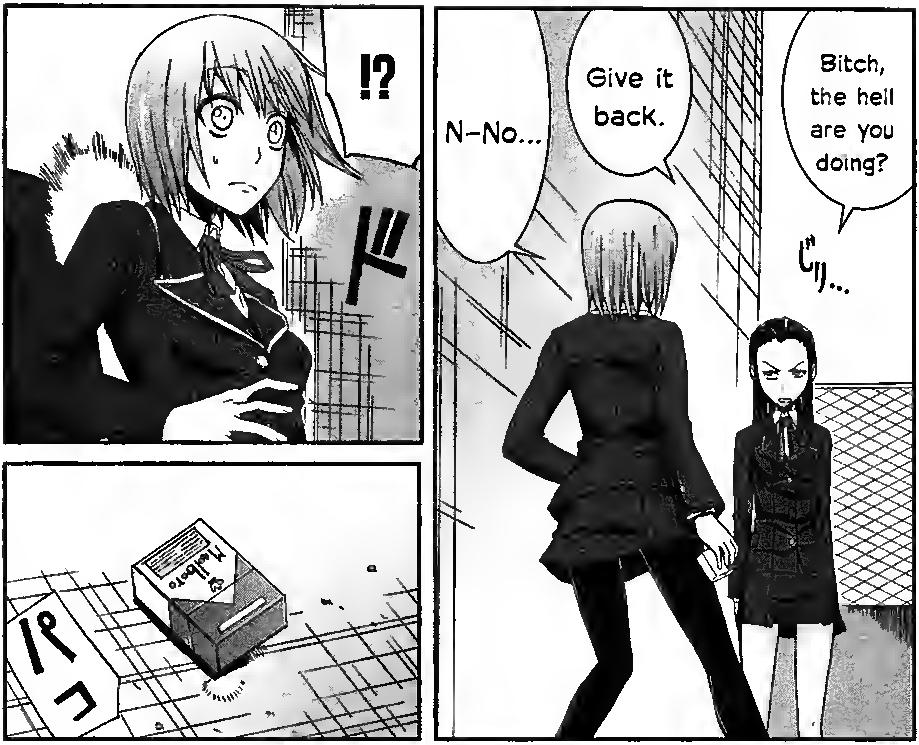
Rather, it's become peaceful!
The number of people skipping school and screwing around has decreased a lot

...hiding these now, huh...
Guess I won't be...
!
FILTER CIGARETTES


Oi...



It's bad for your health...
N-No way...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N-No...
Give it back.
Bitch, the hell are you doing?
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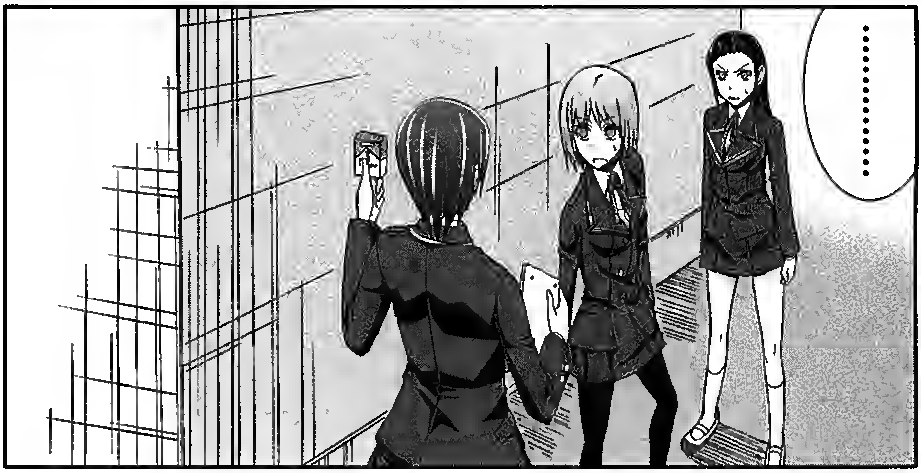
パコ

Although I may be a member of the student council...
S-Sorry...
Ah-

...yours?
Is this...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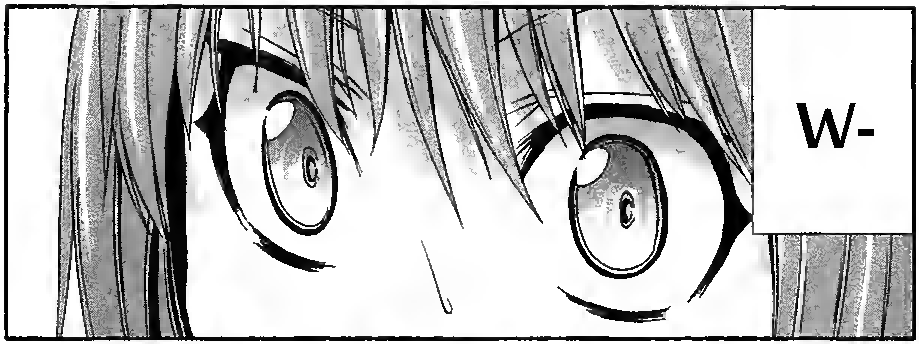
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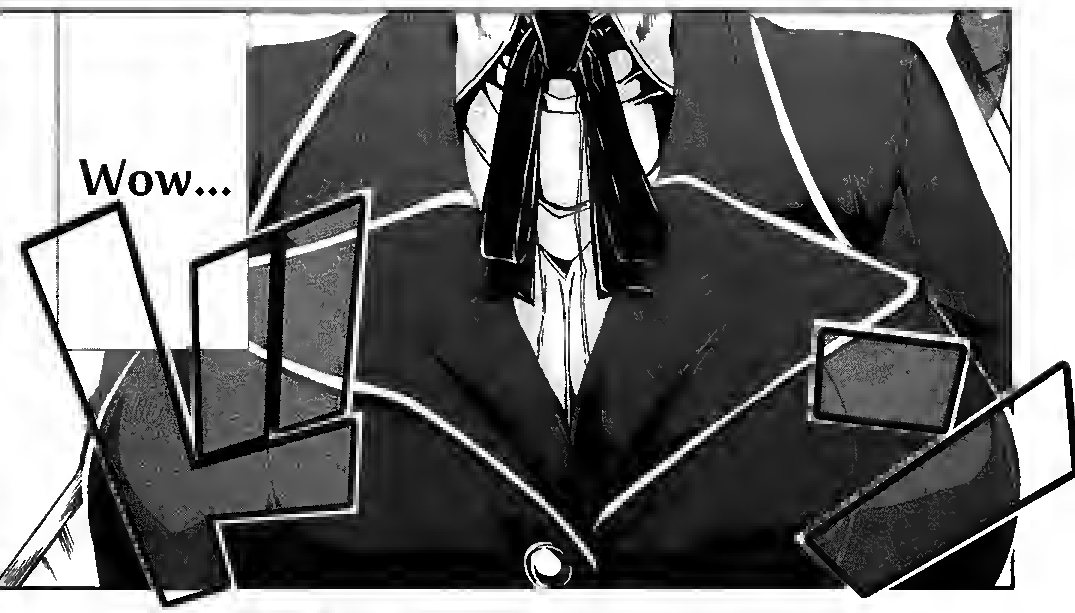
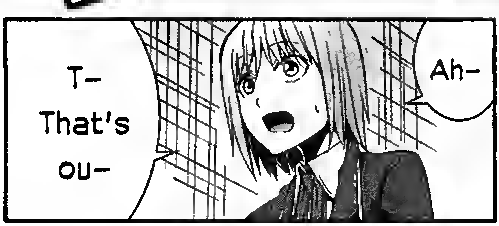

Wow...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That's
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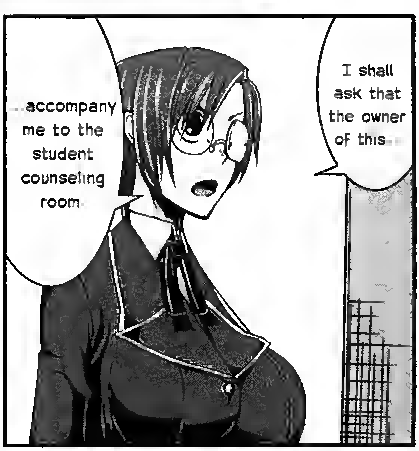
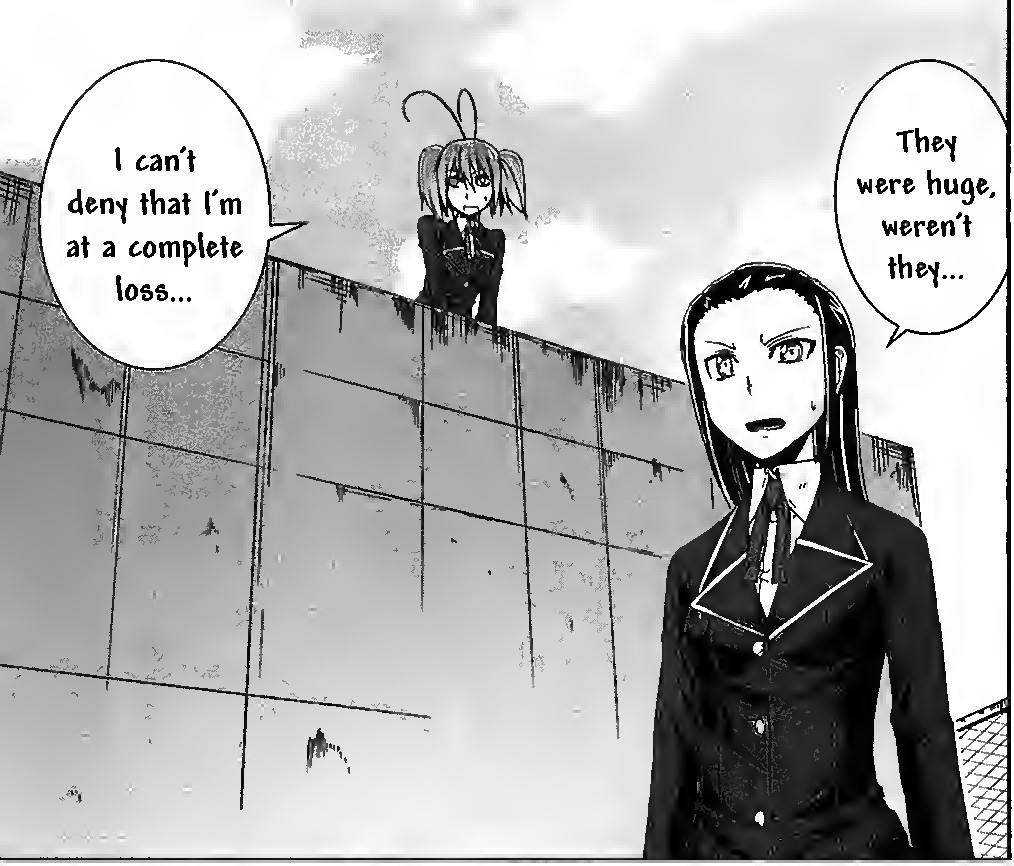
Ah-

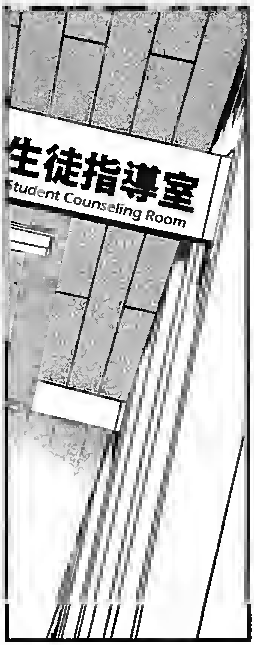

I shall
ask that
the owner
of this
accompany
me to the
student
counseling
room

Bad
idea...
No...

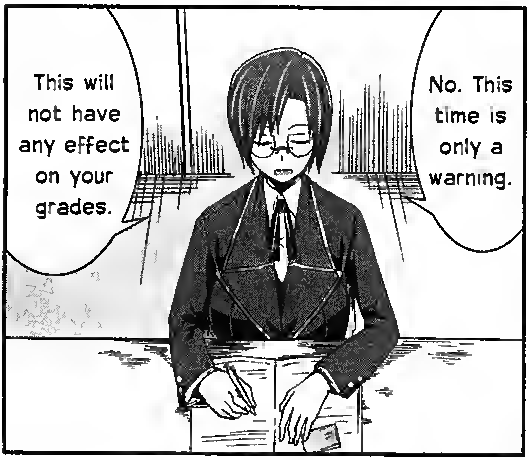
I-
It's mine.
No matter what the reason may be,
I can't leave Tajima-san by herself.
...I see.
Alright, please come with me.
Y-Yes...
Oki-san...
...I'll leave the rest to you.
.....
No, well...


I can't deny that I'm at a complete loss...
They were huge, weren't they...

Fujii Alice-san, right...
First-Year, Class D.


生徒指導室
Student Counseling Room

...Please write down your school registration number and full name.
Okay.
Okay, right here...


This will not have any effect on your grades.
No. This time is only a warning.

Will I be suspended or expelled from the school?
Erm... This...

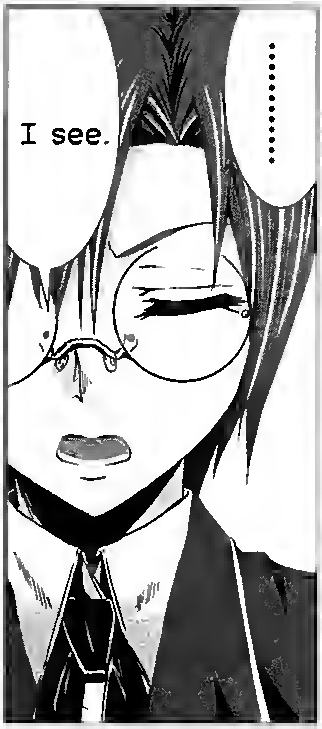
Though actually, Fujii-san...
Thank you very much..!
T-

Eh...
Aren't you...
...constantly being bullied?
Fearing that you may be bullied,
you deliberately covered for your smoking friend and let yourself be caught
No...
This kind of situation...
N-
No...
That's wrong...
Isn't that right?

...a victim of bullying.
I am also...
...to anyone who sees this...
This would be a total disgrace...
?
That's why... you can't just expect me to overlook this.
I'm actually quite the dummy, so...
.....
Please consult me.
If you have any troubles...
!

...So don't worry about it!
It's not that big of a deal.
...and I get bullied being like that, so...
...It causes issues for the other people...
I can't believe "it's not that big of a deal" at all!
Honestly,
...that you were bullied not long after you just entered this school!
There are also investigation reports in school that say...
In this world...
Of course there have been some awful things done to me, however...

...there are also others who are risking their lives fighting...
...within their own problems that seem to continue on endlessly.
If you compared me to them.
...In such a small place..
...It's only been three years, so...


I see.
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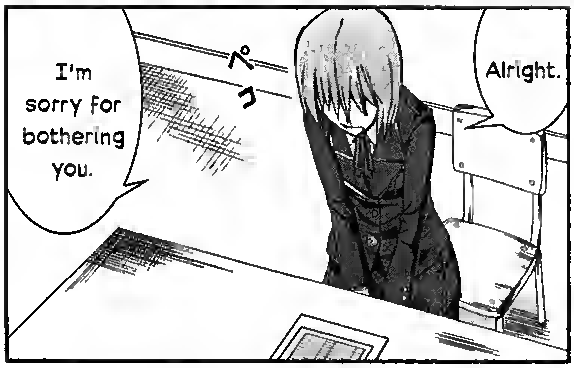
To me,
I can only say that it's not that big of a deal.


I'm sorry for bothering you.
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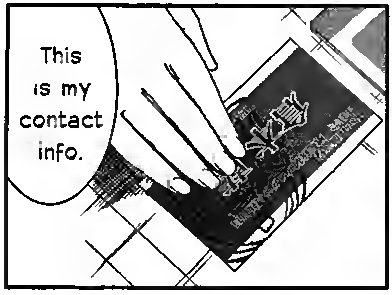
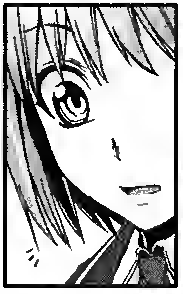
Alright.


This is my contact info.



Please return to your class promptly.
Your lessons should begin very soon.

When you need me to save you,
please let me know anytime.
I-I'm happy.
Thank you very much.
Okay then...
ガラ...
Excuse me...
……

It's not that big of a deal...
...Huh?
キーン コーン カーン コーン
Well?

Ehh...
She seemed like a strict-looking person though
Ah, no...
I apologized for it and she didn't do anything.
So what happened in the end?
Suspension?
I thought that at first too, but ..
...It seems I was totally wrong.
She's quite passive and gentle, so...
...I've actually become rather fond of her.

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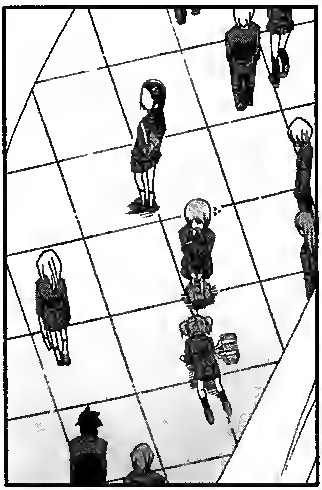
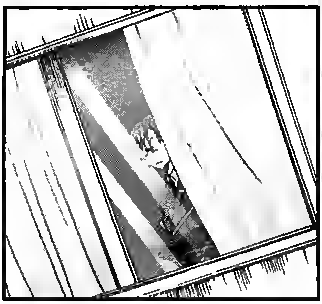
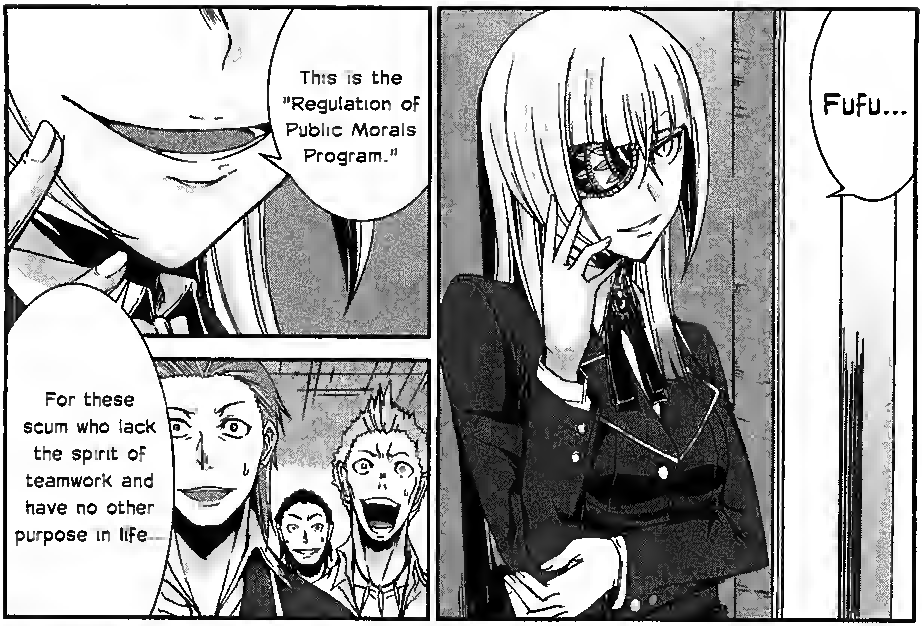




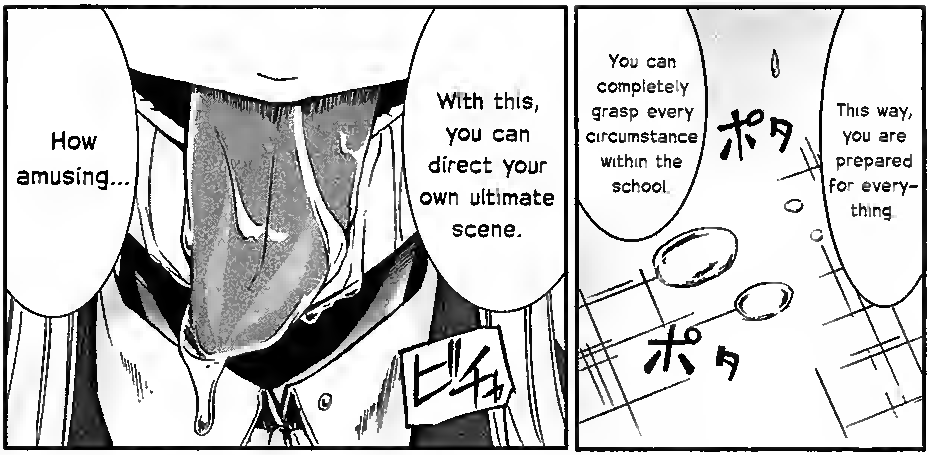
I can't deny that I'm at a complete loss...
Ah, no...
I LIKE OKI-SAN TOO!
AND I GENUINELY MEAN IT...
Just leave her, idiot.

Fujii-san...
You've kept us waiting, Kuramoto-san
Everybody's already here.
Well then.
Please begin.

Yes...
Y-
ファサ...
Wow...
Hehe...
O-
Ohh...


This is the "Regulation of Public Morals Program."
For these scum who lack the spirit of teamwork and have no other purpose in life...
Fufu...

...and they will follow the queen, allowing you to cultivate an army.
You give them the sweetness of something taboo...


How amusing...
With this, you can direct your own ultimate scene.
ビシィ
You can completely grasp every circumstance within the school.
This way, you are prepared for everything.
ポタ
ポタ

...begins the hunting season for the arachnid hunt...
Tomorrow...
ゾル

It's not that big of a deal...
キュ…
...They shall swarm the body of Fujii Alice.
These little insects painted with greed..
It's not that big of a deal...
It's not that big of a deal...

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